

Big Price Paid for Nick Cullop by Cleveland Club Indicates He Must Be Star

By Goldberg

WILL NICK CULLOP BECOME REAL STAR UNDER BIG TENT?

Young Southpaw Obtained by Cleveland for Fabulous Sum Has Earmarks of a Wonder.

SOMERS PAYS HIGH FOR HIS SERVICES

Chance Must Build Up Yankees Without Expecting Aid From Other American Leaguers.

By "SENATOR."

Will Nick Cullop, the sensational young southpaw bought from New Orleans by Charlie Somers for the Yankees, turn out to be the American League's twirling sensation in 1913? Or will he fail to show enough to hang on to the rear end of the cart and be jolted out into the road?

Cullop has cost the Cleveland club the equivalent of \$25,000, although little has been heard about this end of the matter. Though a green, unknown, inexperienced pitcher, Cleveland has given in exchange for him Tim Hendrix, outfielder; George Yant, catcher; Bert Brannen, pitcher; Jake Ayer, second baseman; Jack Kibbie, third baseman, and \$5,000 in real hard coin. Also, one more pitcher has been promised to complete the deal, and so it is easy to make Cullop worth \$35,000.

When Charlie Frank, the Pelican manager, admitted the young southpaw last August he nearly threw a fit. He realized at once that he had the makings of a wonderful twirler. As soon as the deal had demonstrated his ability sufficiently, Frank benched him. Drafting time was near at hand and he didn't intend to pass him over to any major league club for a paltry \$1,500. Cullop escaped the drafting net and Frank chuckled with him.

Twirls In Cuba.

Then came the Cuban trip of the Pelicans. Cullop was in perfect form and copped the only victories scored by his team against the strong Cuban teams. His greatest feat was pitching a twelve-inning no-hit, no-run game against the Havana club.

When the Pelicans returned from Havana they spread the news of Cullop's achievements, and the tip that Rafael Almeida sent to his boss, Garry Herrmann, started the Reds on the trail of the slim southpaw before it was generally known that the young pitcher might be available.

Connie Mack promptly got into the running, but died early when Garry Herrmann bid \$10,000 for Cullop. Along came Charlie Somers with an offer of \$12,500, but he had no chance, for Charlie Somers, the fairy godfather of the New Orleans Pelicans, was a better bidder of any major league club in the land. Thus it came to pass that Cullop went to the Naps.

Almost Escaped.

The joke about this whole affair is that Cullop was bought for a Bristol by the Naps and turned over to New Orleans without a trial. He hardly had time to put on a Cleveland uniform when he received a ticket to New Orleans. Within a week Frank discovered it may be seen how narrow was the escape Charlie Somers ran of losing him.

The Naps are going to be a dangerous club for left-hand hitters to face next summer. If Cullop comes through, Veon Gregg, Willie Mitchell, and Nick Cullop will make a pretty safe collection of south side slingers to run in against Eddie Collins and J. Franklin Baker. Indeed, the club that counts on a left-handed hitter to clean up may find itself strangely at sea when the Naps start things.

The more one looks at the Naps, the better they look. However, it has always been thus with the Naps. In the winter they are pennant winners. In the summer they are also winners. But with Joe Birmingham on the job, the Naps should do something. Doc Johnson and Chapman are lively, peppery youngsters in that slow, loggy infield. Fred Carish puts brains into the backstop, something lacking there for two or three seasons. But Birmingham should play center field for himself. He is one of the best fielders in the league, and where it is needed.

With the Cleveland twirler going at the clip they should, the team should cause trouble from the jump. Whether Larry Lafaye plays second or not, the Naps should be there with the goods. Indeed, some of them think that Larry is a deterrent influence on the team. His slow, graceful action makes others try the same thing with ill results. Anyway, that's how it has often appeared to the writer.

May Help Yankees?

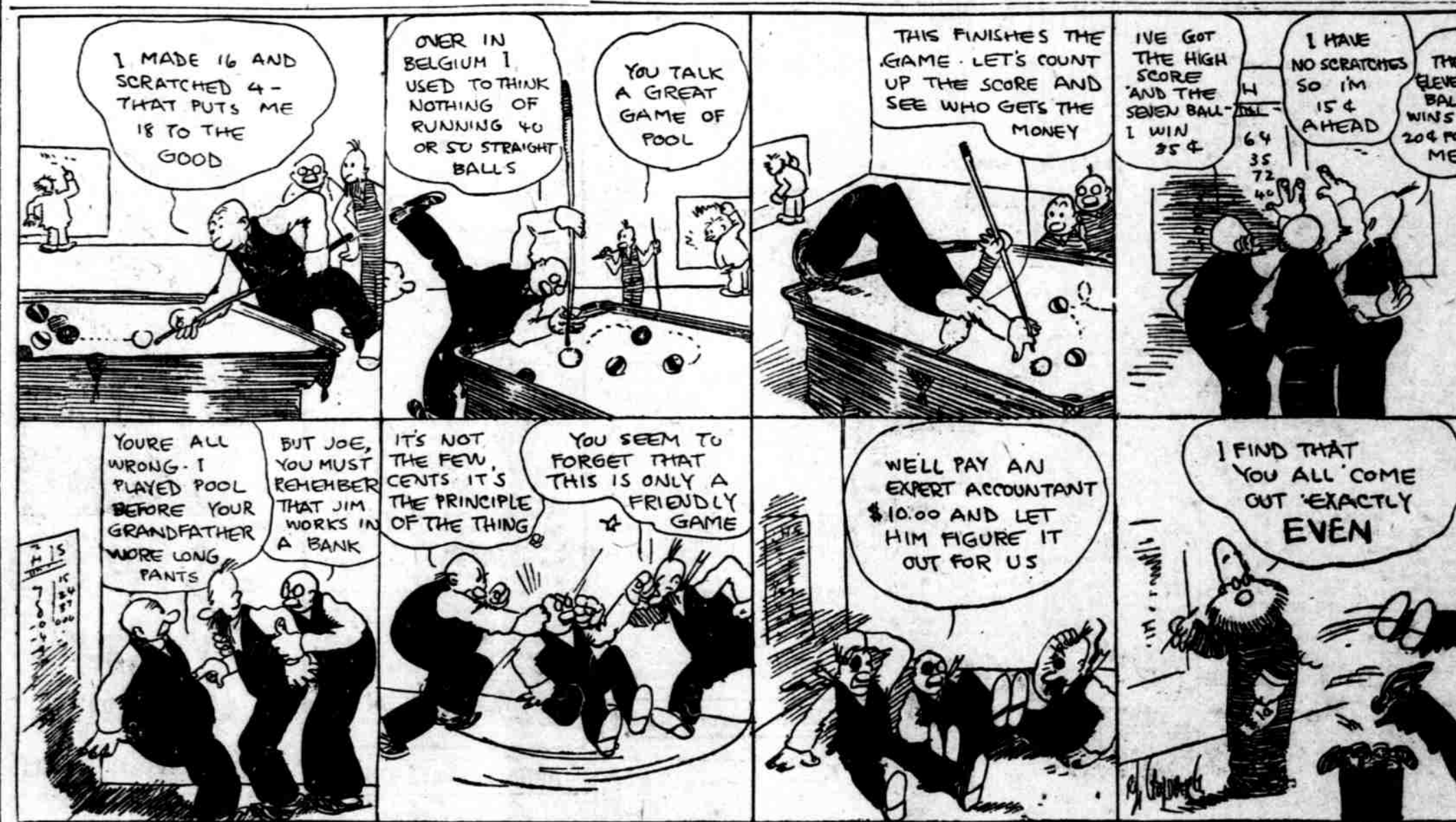
Some good, kind friend of Frank Farrell is responsible for the statement that the clubs of the American League will join in strengthening the New York club. Such a foolishness! What club is going to pass even the greenest outfield sign of becoming a good man with experience?

If Frank Farrell counts on winning a pennant by means of players given him by other American League clubs, his dream is a pole a million miles high and not visible to the sturdiest of storks. That isn't baseball. Even when the Baltimore club jumped the American League back in 1902, and Ban Johnson filled it with men from other clubs, no player was ordered to don Orioles uniforms.

Frank Chance must build up his own club. He must struggle with the other managers every year, seeking to find latent streaks of class in generally nondescript lads gathered from the bushes and the grass land. This, by the way, will be a new departure for Chance. He has made his success with veteran players, handling them as no other manager has ever been able to do.

Doubtless a pennant would be a wonderful thing for the New York club. If Chance can but swing his club into fourth place this coming season, he will have done marvelously for the popularity of the club he leads. The Polo Grounders, the bugs who live there year in and year out, may have an opportunity this summer of getting acquainted with the Yankees and next year they may be coaxed to follow them out to Harlem. A pennant—well, a pennant in New York might cause Ban Johnson to make one of those wonderful speeches of his, and that's a whole lot.

No Man Should Play Crazy Pool Unless He Is Good in Mathematics



BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

"Every Knock Is a Loss."

What is left?

Now that Will Locke has bought the Phillies, Frank Chance and Roger Bresnahan have signed and Griff is sure he is going to Charlottesville, little remains except to hope out the possible chances for pennants this season. All three of interest to the baseball world broke too quickly and together.

Commission meets.

Barrows, International League president, is to appear before the national baseball commission today to declare the class AA league unable to operate under a salary limit of \$6,000 a month. Barrows contends the circuit is unable to operate under such a limit. Many of the high-salaried men are likely to be lost if the rule is strictly enforced.

Defies the A. A. U.

The University of Pennsylvania is taking matters in its own hands and openly defying the A. A. U. in the matter of Schuyler, a member of the swimming team. The A. A. U. has declared the athlete ineligible, while Penn insists that he is all right and will be allowed to compete. This means that others will probably follow Penn's footsteps.

C. U. gets revenge.

Fine work for Fred Rice and his Catholic University basketball team. The Brooklands are coming right at the top and are succeeding beyond expectations. There is every indication that the Black and Blue is going to round out the best basketball season it has yet experienced. Rice has done well.

Army-Navy Preps win.

And now Cathedral School gets a scare from the Army and Navy Preps because it lost yesterday's game. The Preps won the scholastic title last season and look good for another win despite the fact that Cathedral appears to have the bulk on the others at present. When the teams meet in the regular scheduled game, Coach Green may have something different to show.

Track team active.

That track team at the Hilltop is going to have its hands full this winter. Everything pans out right. The latest venture is the Columbia University games in February and there is every indication that the Hilltoppers will be sent wherever possible to the indoor meets. If the track team expects to be in the same class with the baseball and football teams more engagements have to be negotiated.

No nicknames.

Frank Chance says he would prefer the Highlanders called by some other name, which opens up the possibility of saying they would perhaps "smell" like a certain other team. Hilltoppers, Kitties, Yankees or Hillmen, it makes no difference, the name proposed will gradually slide back into the older and more familiar titles.

Hoppe gone.

The Billard sharks drew a sigh and yawn as Willie Hoppe passed from the city. Four notable audiences saw the best of the game during his sojourn in the Capital and all agreed that he is the best of the game ever came this way. Here's hoping that the Brunswick Collieries people will schedule Hoppe for Washington next year.

Wants to Change Highlanders' Name

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—President Frank J. Farrell, of the New York Americans, may change the name of his club. He said today that he didn't want the team called the Yankees, Hilltoppers, Kitties, or Hill Men, but wants to tag on the title of the "New Yorks" only. The suggestion was made by Manager Chance in a letter to Mr. Farrell.

Y. M. C. A. BOYS WILL START TRACK WORK AT END OF WEEK

Call for Candidates Issued By Physical Director Law, Who Says Material Is Promising.

Gordon Law, physical director of the boys' department of the Washington Mount Men's Christian Association, today issued a call for the first assembly of candidates will assemble at the department's building at 2 o'clock Saturday, the initial workout being a fifteen-mile hike along the canal.

"The general plan of training," said Law today, "includes one of these hikes every week, supplemented with work on the running track of the boys' department at least three times a week. Hints upon diet, training and exercise in general will be discussed upon the outdoor tramps."

"Any boy in town who intends taking up track athletics this winter, and who already isn't under a coach may feel free to enter these hikes, whether a member of the Y. M. C. A. or not. The start will be made every Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the boys' department building, at 1722 G street northwest."

Many of the boys' department athletes have already been practicing for the coming indoor meets. Among the most promising material so far turned up are Sidney Leech, George Hecht, Thomas Bragley, "Shorty" Moore, Roy Edmondson, Cochran Fisher, Richard Edmondson, Harry Hunt, Roy Reed, John McDonald, and William Herrmann.

Lafayette Eleven Proves Football Is Profitable

EASTON, Pa., Jan. 16.—Lafayette found football profitable last season, but baseball was costly. While the receipts from the football games exceeded the expenses, the baseball team lost money all through the season. The track team was also run at a loss.

The total receipts from all sources in 1912, according to the annual report of the Lafayette College Athletic Association, were \$24,515.98, and the balance on hand on January 1, 1913, was \$23,321.00. The receipts of the game played here with Lehigh were by far the largest, the total amount being \$11,228.25. Lafayette's profits on the game were \$5,047.27. The game with Penn netted Lafayette \$1,827, and the expenditures for that game were \$230.82.

The receipts from the Southern trip of the baseball team last year were \$1,166.55. The losses on baseball amounted to \$956.04. The track team took in \$275 and expended \$327.55.

Davy Jones Released.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 16.—Davy Jones, veteran outfielder of the Detroit Tigers, was released today to the Chicago Americans. Jones has been due for release, but was expected to go to the minors.

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GEORGETOWN TRACK TEAM MAY BE SEEN IN COLUMBIA GAMES

Blue and Gray Runners May Be Sent to New York February 15 After Prizes.

Georgetown University will most likely be represented at the big annual indoor athletic carnival which is to be held by the Columbia University Athletic Association on February 15, in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory in New York city, according to information which was given out today.

Although the plans connected with the sending of a team to the metropolis for the games are by no means completed, it is thought likely that two or three of the Blue and Gray's best performers will be entered along with a one-mile relay four.

The Hilltoppers' relay quartet will most likely be entered in Kirby trophy race, running against aggregations representing such schools as Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cornell, Syracuse and Williams, and if they succeed in placing in such a field the followers of the West End forces can rest assured that the men from the school from across the creek will be able to capture the permanent possession of the institution.

The Kirby trophy was donated by Gustavus T. Kirby, the prominent amateur athletic official, and must be won three times by a team before it becomes the permanent possession of the institution. Syracuse University has two legs on this trophy, having led home the field in 1911 and 1912, but according to all indication will experience more difficulty in winning this year than it has in the past for many colleges are planning on sending their strongest quartets to compete on this occasion.

Clipping on the Hilltop show sufficient ability Manager Darr of the Blue and Gray speed merchants may decide to send a two mile relay squad to the Columbia games in addition to the individual and the one mile troupe. The two mile race is for the William F. Jones Morgan trophy, which, like the Kirby trophy, must be won three times before permanent possession is acquired. Yale won this race in 1911 while Cornell annexed it in 1912.

If a decision is finally made to enter individuals in the meet, Johnny Gallagher and Bob Egan will undoubtedly make the trip to Gotham and should be able to do a good showing against the pick of northern collegiate and athletic club talent which they will be pitted against.



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GEORGE WRIGHT IS LATEST SUBJECT OF STRAINED LIGAMENT

Many Virginia Athletes Have Left Ranks on Account of This Ailment.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Jan. 16.—Last indoor track season "Pop" Lannigan lost six men from the squad by strained ligaments of the leg. That he must be on his guard against any such happening this season was evidenced when after an examination of George Wright's leg yesterday afternoon, a severe strain was pronounced.

Wright and Cronley, of Episcopal High, are the only men of the incoming class who have shown any form at all, and the loss of the former has proven a bitter pill for "Pop" to swallow.

In the fall track meet, Wright ran away from his field in the quarter mile, running slightly below the record for the track. Wright's success proved a surprise then, but when he easily captured the ten-mile cross-country run, it was realized that Lannigan had obtained a promising recruit. It is hard to see now how Wright can be of much use this winter, and it is to be hoped there is no permanent injury.

As a precaution all the men were ordered to procure rubbers before coming out on the track and loosen up muscles naturally, taut in cool weather. Likewise, Manager Churchman administered the pledge, which will last until March 2, the day after the Georgetown meet.

The squad is set down to better work now, since the sore muscles from the early days' workouts are loosened up. Wiley, Cooke, and Guy, remaining members of last year's relay, are running in good form and leading a stiff pace for the others. Fite, who ran on the four for all races except against Georgetown, is going in great form and appears a likely candidate to land a permanent job. Since Todd's resignation the relay prospects do not appear so bright.

Trainer Lannigan is non-committal on the prospects, but has frequently expressed himself as to the apparent strength of the Georgetown squad.

Bill Morley Sends In Signed Contract

Bill Morley, one of Clarke Griffith's new recruits, has sent in his signed contract and will report with the other new men when the call goes out. Morley had nothing to say, merely affixing his name to Griffith's contract.

Morley is at his home in Arkansas, according to Manager Griffith, and is at present coaching prep school team. He is in good shape, according to an early letter to his manager, and expects to be in fine fettle when the season opens.

Chicago Cub Players Sign Papers for 1913

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Edward Reulbach today signed a contract to pitch for the Chicago National League baseball club during the coming season. He has been selling automobiles this winter and asserts the work has kept down his weight until he now is in midsummer form.

Bobby Craig and Edward McDonald, formerly of the Tri-State League and the Boston club of the National League, respectively, also sent in their contracts.

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